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1. On about 30 August 1953, the 200 men stationed in Payerbach, Lower Austria, who manned the control stations along the demarcation line in Freiner Gscheid and Semmering and, allegedly, a radar station on Klaetschker Hill, (sic), deserted through Wiener Neustadt toward Hungary. The withdrawal was made during the night, after 10 freight cars and 20 trucks had been loaded with their equipment and belongings. Because five carloads of coal in the basement of the barracks could not be sold to local coal dealers, six men and one officer were left behind to guard the coal.
2. On 7 September 1953, the 2,000 troops which had left Blumau-Neurisschhof, Lower Austria, in mid-August returned to the quarters there in former factory buildings. One Soviet soldier remarked that they had been in Doellersheim.

3. On 23 September 1953, it was reported that the MVD office in Eisenstadt, Burgenland, was being liquidated.

4. On about 20 September 1953, it was reported that several villas in Baden had been cleared out by the Soviets and were unoccupied. No move had been made to return them to the Austrians.

5. The Soviet-requisitioned quarters at Wilhelmstrasse 45, Baden, Lower Austria, are being renovated at an estimated cost of 150,000 schillings. This building can house 16 families and it will be occupied by Soviet army colonels and their dependents. Another billet located at the extension of Breuergasse, number 6A, is undergoing repairs. Its eight apartments will be occupied by Soviet army generals and their families.

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